

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A male supporter ~~which is~~ to be fitted to an inner part of male underpants, comprising:

a lower piece ~~which covers~~ to cover the scrotum from underneath;

an upper piece ~~which is~~ formed by belt-like cloth ~~along the penis~~ to extend upward from an upper side of said lower piece and ~~covers~~ to cover the penis from the front side;

a pair of suspending devices, ~~which are~~ one being connected to ~~both~~ respective left and right edges of ~~said upper piece or~~ said lower piece; and

an elastic axis device ~~which connects~~ having one end connected to a back edge of said lower piece and another end to be connected to an inner crotch of said underpants,

wherein a top edge of said upper piece is to be connected to an upper central part of an inner front body of ~~said~~ the underpants, and

ends of said suspending devices are to be connected to ~~the~~ an upper left portion and an upper right portion of the inner front body of ~~said~~ the underpants.

2. (Original) A male supporter according to claim 1, wherein said lower piece has a peripheral edge which is formed in an approximate circle shape, and a part which envelops the scrotum.

3. (Original) A male supporter according to claim 1, wherein said suspending devices and said elastic axis device are formed by elastic thread or belt-like elastic cloth.

4. (Original) A male supporter according to claim 1, wherein a retaining member for holding the penis is provided on an inner part of said upper piece.

5. (New) The combination comprising:

a pair of male underpants;

a male supporter fitted to an inner part of said underpants and comprising:

a lower piece to cover the scrotum from underneath;

an upper piece formed by belt-like cloth to extend upward from an upper side of said lower piece and to cover the penis from the front side;

a pair of suspending devices, one being connected to respective left and right edges of said lower piece and the other end of each being connected to said underpants; and

an elastic axis device having one end connected to a back edge of said lower piece and another end connected to an inner crotch of said underpants;

wherein a top edge of said upper piece is connected to an upper central part of an inner front body of said underpants, and

ends of said suspending devices are connected to an upper left portion and an upper right portion of the inner front body of said underpants.

6. (New) The combination according to claim 5, wherein said lower piece has a peripheral edge which is formed in an approximate circle shape, and a part which envelops the scrotum.

7. (New) The combination according to claim 5, wherein said suspending devices and said elastic axis device are formed by elastic thread or belt-like elastic cloth.

8. (New) The combination according to claim 5, wherein a retaining member for holding the penis is provided on an inner part of said upper piece.